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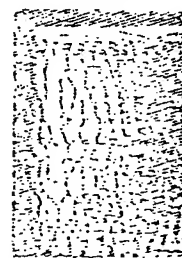
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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED ON ASSUMPTION THAT
HEADQUARTERS INTERESTED IN REACTIONS TO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING; PLEASE ADVISE.

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4. DEATH OF KING CAUSED BANNER HEADLINE IN AMERICAN LEADING MEXICO CITY DAILIES, BUT BECAUSE ALL OF THE PRESS COVERAGE CONSISTED OF AP, UPI AND OTHER AMERICAN WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, REPORTING IN THE MEXICAN PRESS WAS OBJECTIVE ON 5 APRIL. LARGEST HEADLINE WAS 86 POINT "LUTHER KING ASSASSINATED" IN LEFTIST DAILY "EL DIA", WHILE POINTAGE OF HEADS IN ALL OTHER PAPERS WAS AVERAGE, INDICATING MEXICAN EDITORIAL STAFFS WORKING EVENING 4 APRIL NOT CERTAIN AS TO NEWS INTEREST STRENGTH OF STORY IN MEXICO. CENTER LEFT "EXCELSIOR", WHICH DEVOTED ALTHREE OF ITS LEAD EDITORIALS TO JOHNSON WITHDRAWAL A FEW DAYS AGO, DEVOTED ONLY ONE SHORT LEAD EDITORIAL WHICH ANTI-U.S.

GOVERNMENT IN TONE AND WRITTEN BY TOP EXCELSIOR FIGURE AND PROFESSIONAL

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ANTI-AMERICAN

JULIO SHERER GARCIA.

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~~1 B S D~~ AFTERNOON DAILIES REPORTED THAT STOKELY CARMICHAEL CALLING FOR REBELLION, BUT ARTICLES WERE AP AND UPI WRITE SERVICE STORIES AND CONTAINED NO MEXICAN EXPRESSION OF SENTIMENTS FOR OR AGAINST BLACK REBELLION IN AMERICA.

5. ON 6 APRIL "EL DIA" FRONT PAGE TOP FEATURED MURALIST TYPE SCRATCHBOARD ARTWORK DEPICTING MARTIN LUTHER KING IN ROBES IN THE SKY WITH PERSONS WITH NEGRO, ASIAN AND INDIAN FEATURES IN BACKGROUND. HOWEVER, "EL DIA" FRONT PAGE WAS FAIRLY OBJECTIVE DESPITE BEING A CONGLOMERATE OF AFP, REUTER, UPI, INFORMEX, CTK, EFE AND PRENSA LATINA WIRE STORIES. FRONT PAGE ALSO FEATURED A LENGTHY ANTI-WHITE-AMERICANS POEM ABOUT KING WRITTEN ORIGINALLY BY LEFTIST RAYMUNDO RAMOS IN 1963. HEADLINES IN ALL OTHER NEWSPAPERS EXCEPT "EL UNIVERSAL" WERE BANNER HEADS BUT IN COMPARITIVELY SMALL TYPE. POLITICALLY VARIABLE "EL HERALDO" RAN 1967 RIOT PICTURES OVER CAPTIONS CLAIMING THEY WERE TAKEN IN STATES ON 5 APRIL 1968. BIGGEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE STORY WAS PUBLISHED IN "EXCELSIOR", FILED FROM MEMPHIS BY REPORTER FAUSTO FERNANDEZ PONTE WHO RECENTLY FILED A FALSE "EXCLUSIVE" INTERVIEW OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON. EXCELSIOR SERIES SHOWS KING DEATH SITE. FERNANDEZ PONTE DESCRIBES IN MINUTE DETAIL

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EVERYTHING TRANSPIRING IN MEMPHIS BUT TALKS OF MACHINE GUN FIRE AND THE PRESENCE IN TENNESSEE OF 15,000 MEMBERS OF WHITE CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA. "EXCELSIOR" AND MANY OTHER PAPERS CARRY PICTURE OF KING IN COFFIN MOURNED BY WIFE AND PICTURES OF STIKELY CARMICHAEL CALLING FOR REBELLION ON TV. MOST NEWSPAPERS SIMPLY CONFINED THEMSELVES TO REPORTING CIVIL UNREST, ANGUISH AND VIOLENCE IN U.S. BUT "EL HERALDO" CARRIES A CHEST-BEATING ARTICLE ENTITLED "UNANIMOUS CONDEMNATION IN MEXICO OF EXTREMISM AND INTOLERANCE" AND IN ANOTHER ARTICLE QUOTES VISITOR AND PLAYWRIGHT ARTHUR MILLER AS STATING THAT DEATH OF KING MAY BRING ABOUT REVELUTION IN U.S.

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BAD IT IS OBJECTIVE AND REASONABLE ESSAY EXPLAINING THAT WHILE MUCH HAS BEEN DONE LEGISLATIVELY IN THE UNITED STATES IN RECENT YEARS TO BREAK DOWN THE INEQUALITIES OF RACE IN THE U.S., THERE IS A MARKED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TECHNICAL RIGHTS OBTAINED THROUGH LEGISLATION AND THE DEGREE OF IMPROVEMENT OF THE NEGRO'S LOT. HE EXPLAINS FURTHER THAT NEW NEGRO PRESSURE GROUPS HAVE DEVELOPED SEPARATE FROM AND OPPOSED TO THE KING FOLLOWING, SOME OF THEM MOTIVATED TO TAKE DRASTIC AND VIOLENT ACTION BECAUSE THE PROGRESS IS TOO SLOW. THE ARTICLE ENDS DEPLORING THE NEGRO VIOLENCE AND POINTING OUT THAT IN

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THE LONG RUN THE NEGROES HAVE LESS TO GAIN BY VIOLENT ACTION THAN BY PEACEFUL POLITICAL ACTION.

7. IN SUMMARY THE MEXICAN PRESS AS OF 6 APRIL IS FAIRLY OBJECTIVE IN REPORTING THE TROUBLES IN THE U.S. AND HAS NOT BEGUN TO SERMONIZE ABOUT THE EVILS OF AMERICA. THE LEADING DAILIES APPEAR ALARMED AND INTRIGUED, BUT NOT HOSTILE TOWARDS THE U.S., WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE POEM NOTED IN "EL DIA". IN CONTRAST LOCAL AMERICAN RADIO STATION "VIP" IN MEXICO CITY HAS BEEN RE-BROADCASTING NEWS AND COMMENTARY PROGRAMS FROM STATES WHICH BORDER ON THE HYSTERICAL.